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In the Specification

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at line 13 of page 1 and ending at line 16 of page 1 with the following:

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The present invention generally relates to vehicle wheels that are equipped with an attached chromium-plated wheel cover, cladding or overlay. The metal plated overlay's bond